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BIBLE-STUDY ON
FAITHFULNESS TO OPPORTUNITIES.

Luke 19:11-27—July 26.
"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Matthew 25:21.

We are not to confound the Parable of the Pounds with the Parable of the Talents. They teach totally different lessons. In the case of the talents, the amount given each servant differed. In the case of the pounds, the amount was the same. This parable, therefore, deals with something common to all the class referred to.

Jesus and His disciples were approaching Jerusalem, where shortly He was to be crucified. The disciples, on the contrary, supposed that the Messianic Kingdom would immediately be established. This parable was intended to inform them that a long time would first elapse.

The kings of Palestine were appointed by the Roman Emperor. One of the Herods had recently gone to Rome, seeking appointment to a kingdom. Some who hated him sent a message to Rome, declaring their preference for another king. Jesus seized upon this circumstance as illustrating His own case. He was the Appointee for the Messianic Kingdom; but He would go to Heaven, and there the Heavenly Father, Emperor of the Universe, would invest Him with authority. Later He would return to earth and exercise dominion. This is exactly the presentation of prophecy.—Psalm 2:8.

"Occupy Till I Come."

During the Master's absence in Heaven, He has committed to His disciples, His servants, one pound each, with full liberty to use their best judgment in His service. At His return, these servants will be reckoned with, and rewarded in proportion to their zeal and efficiency.

The parable distinguishes between these consecrated servants of God and the world. It shows that nothing is committed to the masses, and that no judgment, reward, is made in their case at the Master's return. Only His servants will be held responsible for either reward or punishment in respect to their faithfulness.

In considering what is signified by the pound, we must keep in memory that the fulfillment must show some blessing or responsibility given alike to all of God's consecrated people. We can think of but one thing given alike to this class. Their talents and opportunities are very unlike—wealth, mental capacity, environment, etc. None of these varied talents belong to this Parable of the Pounds.

The pound represents justification. The one thing which the Redeemer does for all His followers is to justify them freely from all things, leaving them on exactly an equal footing; for justification makes up to each in proportion as he is short of perfection.

"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death."

All who now become Christ's followers must receive from the Lord, as a basis for this relationship, the pound—free forgiveness of sins—justification. Because they are thus alike qualified, the results will show the degree of loving zeal controlling each servant.

As in the parable one servant gained ten pounds, so such noble characters as St. Peter, St. John and others counted all earthly things as loss and dross, that they might be pleasing to their Master, the coming King. These, and such as these, who have gladly spent themselves in the Lord's service, will have the highest rewards. The servant who reported a gain of five pounds represents a class who will receive a less influential place in the Kingdom.

"Those Mine Enemies—Slay Them."

The servant who hid his pound represents those who have entered into a covenant with the Lord to be His servants, who have received justification at His hands, but who have not complied with their agreement to sacrifice self in His service.

This class is represented by the foolish virgins, who failed to enter in to the wedding. These will fail to become members of the Bride class. Not until He

The Unfaithful Steward, shall have dealt with His servants at His Second Coming will Messiah begin to deal with the world, and especially His enemies. This statement is borne out by numerous Scriptures. The work of the Gospel Age is merely for the selection and testing of His servants, to determine which will be found worthy of association with Himself in the Kingdom.

At first thought we might gather that verse 27 signifies that the King of Glory will be implacable, ferocious, unsympathetic, with His enemies. A picture of this carnage is given in Revelation 19:15, where He is represented in glorious majesty, with a sword proceeding out of His mouth, that with it He should smite the nations. Blessed smiting! This terrible carnage will mean a great blessing; for the Lord smites to heal. Unless His enemies be thus brought into subjection, nothing remains for them but extinction.—Acts 3:23.

UNION'S BIG BATCH OF NEWS

Union, July 20th.—One of the most enjoyable socials desirous of the season was Friday evening, when the "Rose Garden Club" was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Hughes in honor of Miss Marion Goodwin who is the guest of the Misses Hughes. The reception room was well decorated with beautiful red and white roses. Throughout the evening the strains of soft sweet music floated through the rooms blending their enchantments. Several pieces were rendered by Miss Alice Sims. The guests were received by Miss Effie Hughes. Different games added to the enjoyment of the evening as did a dainty course of ices.

Miss Bessie Hughes, and Miss Marion Goodwin were visitors to the S. S. convention in Spartanburg.

Miss Elwillie Shell is spending a few weeks in Glenn Springs.

Miss Lee of Chester, spent a few hours in the city last Wednesday while on her way to Spartanburg.

Miss Madara Renwick is now spending a few weeks in the mountains.

Mrs. Mittie Lee is still on the sick list but we are glad to say that she is some better.

We are too sorry to say that Mr. Henry Ray improves but very little, however we are hoping that he will soon be well again.

The members of Silver Hill, an A. M. E. Zion mission church are preparing to build a church. This will be the 2nd church for the Zion Methodists, in Union, Rev. J. A. Scott, pastor of one of the largest Zion churches in the county has charge of this Mission. They have just closed a very successful revival.

Quite a few members and Sunday school teachers of Corinth Baptist church attended the Sunday school convention in Spartanburg the past week. Among them being the Misses Hughes and Messrs J. W. Farr and S. M. McKissick. Miss Ethel G. Delaine of Manning, who has been very ill at the home of her sister Mrs. McGill is reported greatly improved.

Miss Rosa Giles of this city is very ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Susie Gist and Mr. Reed were joined in the holy bond of matrimony, Sunday July 12th, Rev. S. R. Walker officiating.

Prof. and Mrs. R. W. Westberry of Sumter passed thru the city recently on their way to Chicago.

We should be very pleased if the correspondent from Orangeburg would tell us some thing about the decision of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal church in regards to Claffin. We should be very glad if that grand old institution would stand as she is without any changes.

Miss Mary J. Nicholas, Mrs. Pernetta Freeman and others left several days ago for the mountains of North Carolina where they will spend some time.

Rev. T. E. Hall of Greenwood stopped over a few hours Saturday. Rev. Hall has been attending the Baptist Sunday school convention.

Mr. Jerry M. Beaty of Jonesville is seen in the city very often with a great variety of country products that he raised on his farm. Mr. Beaty is one of the most progressive farmers in the Piedmont section. He has some thing for sale the year around. We wish that we had several more good farmers in this county of Mr. Beaty's kind.

Mr. Beaty is the treasurer of the Union County Colored Fair Association and a better man could not have been elected. If the K. of P. Grand Lodge wants a good town to meet in next year or this one come to Union.

Little Maxine Bolden, who has been spending several weeks in

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Camden with her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Whitten and Mrs. Bolden has returned home.

Miss Inez McDowd one of the popular teachers of this city and teacher-elect at the State College in Orangeburg is taking in the Summer school for teachers at the State College.

Revs. C. Whitehead, H. B. Worthy T. C. Phillips and other Baptist ministers of this city took in the Sunday school convention in Spartanburg during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McKissick have moved in their new home on O'Sheild Street.

Any one in Union wishing to subscribe for the Indicator will please call at the North Carolina Mutual office.

Mr. J. W. Farr has opened a grocery store on Henretla street.

CAMDEN NEWS.

Camden, July 15—Sunay afternoon, July 12th inst., death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gettys, and carried away their only son, Dewy. He was only 16 years of age and attended Mather Academy. His remains were buried Monday afternoon.

The Children Day Exercises of Trinity were conducted Sunday afternoon. At 8:30 of the same evening

Rev. C. H. Uggams delivered an excellent sermon to this congregation.

Miss Camille Levy, the handsome little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Levy of Florence, S. C., spent the past week with her cousin, Miss Lizzie Levy, the only daughter of Mr. T. J. Levy.

Miss Evelyn Wilson, the youngest child of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson of Florence spent a week as the guest of Misses Charlotte Collins and Lizzie Levy.

The Epworth League Chapter of St. James M. E Church of Sumter was addressed Friday evening by Dist. Pres. C. C. Lowery.

On this occasion, the local Pres. Mr. Isaac McElvene and the Sec'y., Miss Maggie Smalls together with the faithful pastor, Rev. James Richards conducted a grand program, which consisted of a Bible verse from every member as the roll was called, also good music and recitations.

This chapter is highly commended for its excellent work and interest in paying every cent of the Dist. President's expenses. May others do likewise and be wsrthwhile.

Every Chapter on the charges should rally and send in good reports as a prize will be presented to the Charge that sends in the best report to the Convention.

Camden is now ready for a great District Conference.